## MIAMIBEACH

## **City Commission Meeting**

City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive November 25, 2013

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower Vice-Mayor Deede Weithorn - Absent Commissioner Jorge R. Exposito Commissioner Michael Góngora Commissioner Jerry Libbin Commissioner Edward L. Tobin Commissioner Jonah Wolfson

City Manager Jimmy L. Morales City Attorney Jose Smith City Clerk Rafael E. Granado

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Meeting called to order at 11:20:25 a.m.

Inspirational Message given by Rabbi Yitzchak Gershon Zweig and Father Roberto Cid.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Luis Salgado and Josue Duperon.

### **Presentations and Awards**

#### 11:24:51 a.m.

PA1 Recognition Of Commissioners Jerry Libbin, Jorge R. Exposito, Michael Góngora, And Mayor Matti Herrera Bower, For Their Service To The City Of Miami Beach.

**ACTION:** Proclamations presented.

#### **Proclamation to Commissioner Jerry Libbin:**

Mayor Bower stated that she wants to show her appreciation for having served the City with Commissioner Jerry Libbin. They have at times disagreed on issues, but he is a good Commissioner who has worked hard for the City for many years. She proclaimed today, November 25, 2013, "Jerry Libbin Day" in the City of Miami Beach.

## **Proclamation to Commissioner Jorge Exposito:**

Mayor Bower explained that Commissioner Exposito has worked hard for this community, has worked prior to being a Commissioner for many years in Miami Beach on educational issues and Hispanic issues, and she also wanted to proclaim today "Jorge Exposito's Day" in the City of Miami Beach.

#### **Proclamation presented to Commissioner Michael Góngora:**

Mayor Bower stated that Commissioner Góngora has served the City as a Commissioner, has left and come back, and now he is leaving again, so she expects that he will come back some day. She thinks he has brought forward something unique by being the first openly gay Commissioner in Miami Beach, and she thinks that although they have disagreed on issues, they all care about each other and the City. She proclaimed today "Michael Góngora's Day" in the City of Miami Beach.

Mayor Bower recognized former State Representative Elaine Bloom, former Miami Beach Commissioner Nancy Liebman, former State Representative Richard Steinberg, State Representative David Richardson, Miami-Dade County Commission Xavier Suarez, City of Miami Commissioner Francis Suarez, Miami-Dade County School Board member Susie Castillo and Miami Spring Mayor Sergio Garcia present in the audience.

A photographic slide show was shown in tribute to the Commissioners Libbin, Exposito and Góngora summarizing their accomplishments during their tenure.

Commissioner Libbin thanked his family for giving him the privilege and courtesy to work for the past eight years for the City. He thanked Enid Rodriguez, his aide, and explained that the aides either make or break the Commission, and he would not be as successful as he has been, without the assistance of Enid's work every day and he thanked her from the bottom of his heart. He thanked members of the previous Commissions, because from each one he took some valuable lessons and he sincerely appreciates having had the opportunity to work with each one of them. He thanked the City Manager, Assistant City Managers, Department Directors and staff, and last but not least the public for giving him the opportunity to serve them. Finally, in addressing the new Commission, he stated that the most valuable takeaway in these eight years, besides the memories, is the necessity to work with one another. The collaboration is what gets things done. Recently when he led a coalition of several organizations to help provide nurses to three public schools in their feeder pattern, it was with the support of the Commission. He explained how the process worked. Together they teamed up to find funding; they worked and collaborated with several municipalities and elementary schools; they applied for and received grants from the City and other agencies, and putting all that together their efforts generated about \$250,000, enough to provide a full year of nursing care for these schools, and even some for the next year. He wished the newly elected Mayor and Commissioners the best.

Commissioner Exposito expressed his gratitude, pride and honor in having served the City for the past three years. He made his decisions with the best interest of the public at heart. It is not always simple. To the new Commission his advice is that they learn to respect each other's differences, learn to respect each other's opinions and learn to respect that they have different ways of thinking and when they decide to work together, they can do wonderful things. There have been many accomplishments during the last few years, perhaps overlooked by fighting and bickering, but they are a wonderful group of human beings and have the best interest of the community at heart. He thanked his wife and son for allowing him to have the time to serve. He thanked Nattaly Cuervo, his aide, who has been incredible, as well as his former aide, Barbie Paredes; without their assistance, he could not get the job done. To the incoming Commission and the public, he congratulated them and asked them to lead by example and may they hold true to the promises made during their campaign. He addressed the Hispanic community and said a few words in Spanish.

Commissioner Góngora wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving; he expressed his gratitude for his wonderful family and friends; his parents and supporters over the years, the City of Miami Beach, starting with his right hand, Diana Fontani. He could not have done what he accomplished without her. He thanked the Administration and his colleagues on the Commission. Although they have fought and disagreed, they listened to each other's ideas. He thanked them for the support received in creating the Sustainability Committee. He is very proud of the City and the work done, and Miami Beach has become the environmental leader in Florida. He thanked the residents of Miami Beach, those who supported him and those who did not support him; he always listens to different views and opinions and believes their vote will take Miami Beach in the right direction. Miami Beach has it all and that is what makes it unique, the residents of the City. For those remaining and the newly elected Commission, you have the opportunity to unify the City, bring us back together and move forward in the right direction, and make true the promises made in the campaign trail.

Commissioner Tobin explained that as protocol would dictate, Commissioner Weithorn was going to handle this presentation; however, she is out of town due to a previous long-standing commitment and she asked him to read this message to Mayor Bower and the Commissioners:

## "To Jerry, Jorge, Michael and Matti:

I am sorry I am not with you but I have a family commitment up north, which was planned a long time ago. It is freezing here and I would like nothing better than to be there with you in paradise.

I want to thank you for your service. I had a wonderful opportunity to work and collaborate with you. I learned valuable lessons from each of you, which have helped me, serve the community we love. This is not goodbye for me, as I know we started as strangers or acquaintances and ended up as friends.

#### To my new colleagues:

It is with renewed enthusiasm that I look forward to the next two years. There are still many challenges that we must tackle and as a team, I know we will succeed. Good look and I will be there in December as we embark on our next chapter."

He introduced a photographic slide show presentation in tribute to Mayor Matti Herrera Bower.

Mayor Bower stated that it is wonderful to live, love and care about Miami Beach. She does every day the best that she can. During her tenure, she has made many friends, and she loves to serve the people of Miami Beach. She thanked her family for always been there for her, particularly her husband whom she still misses. Her colleagues have been great and they have learned and continue to learn from each other. She thanked all the employees that have worked with her, Gabrielle who has done a wonderful job, Wanda, Francis who has done work for everyone, and Luis Wong, the Office Manager. She thanked them, because without them they would not move forward and get things accomplished. She also thanked the teamwork from the State and Federal governments, and explained how Representatives Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Debbie Wasserman Schultz worked together to grant funds to start the Teen Center on 21st Street. This center keeps the children off the streets and it has been very successful. Lastly, she thanked the residents of Miami Beach, and stated that what makes Miami Beach the place it is are the people that live on Miami Beach, and she is thankful for that. She also thanked the entire staff at City Hall, every one, as they are our ambassadors. On this Thanks giving holiday, she has much thanks to give - to her family, children and six grandchildren. To the new Mayor she congratulates him. All is fair in love and war, and a campaign is sort of a war; he ran a good campaign, a very well organized campaign and she is glad that Philip Levine will be representing her at this point. She added that if there were ever anything she can do for the new Mayor, she would always be there. She addressed the Hispanic community and said a few words in Spanish.

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager, thanked Mayor Bower and Commissioners Exposito, Góngora and Libbin for their services and for giving him the opportunity to allow him to serve the City. While viewing the slide show, he remembered how for many years Mayor Bower fought against discrimination and for preservation, as well as speaking for those that do not have a voice, like the children and students. He feels it is appropriate, on behalf of the City and the residents, that she leaves with a token of their appreciation, and he presented her with a plaque with the gavel she utilized during the Commission meetings.

## **R7 - Resolutions**

## 12:19:12 p.m.

R7A A Resolution Adopting The Certificate Of The Results Of The November 19, 2013 Run-Off Election For The City Of Miami Beach, And Declaring Candidates Elected.

(City Attorney's Office)

**ACTION:** Resolution No. 2013-28410 adopted. Motion made by Commissioner Tobin; seconded by Commissioner Wolfson; Voice vote: 6-0; Commissioner Weithorn absent. Motion carries.

Meeting recessed at 12:19:47 p.m.

#### 12:33:49 p.m.

Commissioner Tobin reconvened the meeting and he stated that as the new elected officials are sworn-in they could come and sit at the dais.

## ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS IN GROUP (I), (II), AND (III).

#### 12:34:09 p.m.

Commissioner Micky Steinberg (Group I) was sworn in by Circuit Court Judge Peter Lopez.

Judge Peter Lopez is honored and privileged to be here today. He congratulated the new elected officials and he looks forward to watching the upcoming Commission meetings and the challenges ahead, as a resident himself.

#### 12:37:16 p.m.

Commissioner Michael Grieco (Group II) was sworn in by County Court Judge Andrea Wolfson.

Judge Wolfson is honored to be here today. She congratulated the new Mayor and Commissioners. She thanked the residents of Miami Beach, as today is a new day. She has known Commissioner Grieco for over a decade, and has had the opportunity to see him grow professionally and in his personal life, and she is confident that he will represent this community with integrity, passion and honor.

#### 12:40:50 p.m.

Commissioner Joy Malakoff (Group III) was sworn in by Circuit Court Judge Mindy Glazer.

Judge Glazer is honored to swear in Commissioner Malakoff, and the residents of the City are lucky to have her. She also congratulated the new Mayor and Commissioners, and reminded Commissioner Grieco that he was a prosecutor in her division in Juvenile.

Philip Levine (Mayor) was sworn by County Court Judge Rodolfo Ruiz.

## 12:45:29 p.m.

Judge Rodolfo Ruiz explained that it is a pleasure to swear Mayor Levine, who he has known for the past six months or so. He is a tremendous leader, a hardworking man who will give the best to the City day in and out. The City is lucky to have him. Congratulations to all new elected officials.

#### 12:48:43 p.m.

Rabbi Pinchas A. Weberman spoke to Mayor Levine. He explained that in a vehicle you have a battery. It has to have a positive and a negative pole; if they are not connected to both, it does not work. The Commissioners have to study all items that come before them. If they are sensible, intelligent, equitable, honest and ethical vote aye. If it is stupid, idiotic, unfair and dishonest vote nay. Let both poles be connected and always carry out your services in the proper way that is intelligent, makes common sense and has the welfare of everybody else. May you be blessed with a bright future with your health, with contentment and with prosperity and peace of mind and everybody who is here to honor you, honor all of the Commissioners here today may be you be blessed.

Commissioner Tobin introduced Commissioner Steinberg.

## 12:51:11 p.m.

Commissioner Steinberg stated that it is truly humbling. She is deeply thankful to the voters of Miami Beach for putting their trust in her as City Commissioner. She also wants to thank her family, her husband Richard, her amazing children, her mother, sisters and sisters in law, her mother and father in law for their unconditional support. She wants to thank her opponents for a spirited campaign and she wants to thank her amazing volunteers, supporters and friends, those that worked on the campaign; they stood by her in this important journey to serve their community. She looks forward to getting to work on addressing the many issues our community faces. The road ahead may not be easy, but the important work to tackle the many challenges begins today. They must come together as one so they can leverage County, State and Federal resources. As a mother of two young kids, she plans to work in partnership with the School Superintendent and Board Members to strengthen the education system and ensure they are making smart investments to create more opportunities for our children. Our residents deserve better service when it comes to City Hall and she intends to work with Mayor Levine and her colleagues on the Commission to bring forward a comprehensive review on how they deliver services and define better ways to provide results for businesses and residents. She also looks forward to working with the City Manager and City Attorney to restore public trust and fight corruption. As they get to work on behalf of the people of Miami Beach, she will be continuously reaching out to residents, getting them involved in the different boards and committees. They must bring all of the communities together, Hispanic, Jewish, LGBT, African-American, North Beach, South Beach, Mid Beach so we can make all of Miami Beach a better place for all to live. The day after the election when she told her four year old daughter Chloe that mommy had won, she looked at her and said "mommy where is your trophy?" Although she did not win a physical trophy, she won something far more valuable - the opportunity to serve the residents of Miami Beach. This is an important time for Miami Beach and they must work together to preserve the quality of life that they all cherish. The work is only beginning. Let us get Miami Beach moving forward. Commissioner Steinberg thanked everyone again. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy holidays to all.

Mayor Levine took the gavel and introduced Chloe Steinberg, to present Commissioner Steinberg with a trophy.

Mayor Levine introduced Commissioner Grieco.

#### 12:55:44 p.m.

Commissioner Grieco stated that this is a very humbling experience; many of you have been with him since the beginning of this journey, and it was a long one. Most of you know he is not Hispanic, that he is not Jewish and that he is not gay. He fell in love with this City when he started campaigning back in January, and he realizes now that he did not know what it meant to love the City. He knocked on hundreds of doors and met many residents, from 87th Street to South Pointe Park, he has hundreds of new friends and he is humbled to sit at the dais as your employee, because that is what they are. They work for the residents, and he finds it ironic that the dais is higher up than most of the people in the audience. He thinks it should be the other way around, and they should be looking down on the Commission, making sure they do their jobs properly today, tomorrow, next year. They have a lot of work to do and they cannot do it without the people, so he encouraged the people in the audience to help. First, he thanked his "non-wife" Christine. She rode the campaign out with him. It was a very trying thing for them as a family. They went through some bumps recently politically and publicly, but she rode this out with him and he thanked her for letting him do this. He also thanked Danny, who has been the best. Danny is his paralegal in his law office but she is coming to City Hall with them. He thanked the outgoing Commissioners and the Mayor for their services as well, especially Jorge Exposito, and he wants to thank them all and asked that they receive one more round of applause. He continued stating that he had the opportunity to serve the public as a prosecutor for six years. Public service is tough and it cannot be done without teamwork. He made two promises on the campaign trail; one, he promised all his friends that he would learn Spanish; and two; he promised to take his door in the Mayor's Office off the hinges. He knows this is a symbolic phrase, but it is one of the first promises he made in April to provide more transparency in City Hall. It may not mean a lot just to leave the door open, but it means a lot to him. Most of the people he met on the campaign trail complained that they felt like an outsider with no access to City Hall. There will be more open meetings. People will not hear about things at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. People will not be waking up the next day and find out things happened while the residents were sleeping. He looks forward to seeing residents in City Hall. They need residents to participate on boards and committees and neighborhood associations; being active around City Hall is important. They saw the poor turnout voter wise. People are disenchanted with politics and government and he will strive to change the people's opinion, but they need them to participate. He encouraged the people to disagree with them. Dissent in politics is very important. With that said, over the last week there has been divisive rhetoric they want to stop. He has heard things since the elections that have not made him happy, people are trying to fracture this community, and he is begging them to stop. He wants the community to be whole. This is a time to bring all of us together. This is an exciting time for the City and they should be embracing people regardless where they come from, what language they speak, what their sexual orientations are, they are all one in Miami Beach and it is time to get to work.

Mayor Levine introduced his very dear friend for 25 years, whose lifelong dream was to serve the City as a Commissioner, and he is happy to be up here with her today to see this dream come true; Commissioner Malakoff.

#### 1:0:17p.m.

Commissioner Malakoff thanked first her husband Fred Malakoff. Without Fred she would not have started this journey and achieved this goal of serving this City she loves, they both love, as an elected Commissioner. She thanked her son David who worked so hard to get the vote out, and also thanked Daisy Steward, her friend of more than 50 years. Daisy kept their household running while she was out campaigning. To her family, friends and multitude of supporters they did it when no one, not the media, not major special interest groups, not even long time pundits and observers of Miami Beach thought she had a chance to win in Group III. The people believed in her, in her ability and in her message. They realized this victory together. To their new Mayor Philip Levine she thanked him for his

support, faith and trust in her to serve on this Commission. They will not always agree on everything as they serve together, but they will work together in good faith to set the City back on the right track and solve the many problems inherited. Mayor Levine is a good person, a great friend and a wonderful leader. She is looking forward to working with him to face the challenges together. As a political novice, she is deeply grateful to the astute strategic skills of her campaign consultant David Custin and her campaign manager Andrew Suarez, and she wants to express gratitude to former Mayor Bower for her many years of public service as a member of this Commission and as Mayor. Her voice and opinion are welcomed as they move forward seeking new approaches to solve our City's problems. To those around Miami-Dade County that are concerned about the absence of a Hispanic member of this body she said in Spanish "Estamos Unidos." We are united as one Miami Beach family. She owes her 20-point victory to the thousands of Hispanic voters that trusted and voted for her in this election. She will not let them down. She will represent them well. The City of Miami Beach will include participation of the government of all members of this diverse community, and of course, Hispanics will play a prominent role. She continued by recognizing her army of grass-roots workers who spent their time and effort to make this moment a reality. Tamara, Judy, Lisa, Barbara, Bunny and Debbie, Donna Flo, Harriet, Judy, Lisa, Marsha, Marian, Rita, Robin and Sam and Susan among others. She also sends a special thanks to Frank and Marianne Del Vecchio for their wise counsel and fact checking. Last but not least, she thanked two of her fellow Commissioners for openly endorsing and supporting her, Commissioners Ed Tobin and Jonah Wolfson, who lent their names and reputations in support of her candidacy even as an underdog, but added that that will not prevent her from taking either of them to task if they misbehave or break the decorum that they are going to establish on this Commission from now on.

Mayor Levine introduced David Malakoff, who presented a campaign victory photograph of Commissioners Malakoff alongside with Commissioner Wolfson.

## 1:10:02 p.m.

Mayor Levine stated that this is the greatest honor of his life. There is no greater honor he can possibly imagine than being in front of this audience. He thanked his 102-year-old grandmother, who was going to be here but unfortunately was unable to, but recognized her and thanked her. He thanked his mom sitting in the audience, his stepfather, who is not here today, but with them in spirit; his father and stepmother, thanks for coming today. He recognized his beautiful girlfriend Carolina, sitting in the audience, who was with him during this entire campaign, as well as his friend Linda. He thanked the political team, the volunteers and his new Chief of Staff Alex Miranda, who has done an incredible job. He thanked Jose and Louis, from Best Buddies Organization. Best Buddies were involved in the campaign and they could not have won this election without their help, and he will speak to the City Manager to see a Best Buddy or two working at City Hall moving forward. He thanked Betty Nobles and all of the Veterans that helped during the campaign. Of course, he thanked the Honorable Judge Rodolfo Ruiz for swearing him in. He is an inspiration and he believes one of the youngest judges in Miami-Dade County. He thanked the Rabbi and the Father for the great invocation. He thanked his staff in the private sector, his Chief of Staff Sylvia along with Monica, Jaime and George. He thanked City Manager Jimmy Morales and City Attorney Jose Smith for their guidance. He said to the City Manager when they met and the Manager briefed him on the City: "Mr. Manager, we have something big in common. You have never been a City Manager and I never have been a Mayor", but they are going to work together and he will be the greatest City Manager and he looks forward to his support to make him a great Mayor.

Mayor Levine thanked all the folks that ran for office that may not have won and former City officials from prior Commissions, and stated that they share something in common, and that is that they all love Miami Beach. That is why the Commissioners that served, our former Mayor, they all did it for the right reasons and they love the City, and they share that in common. He specifically thanked Mayor Bower for her years of service. As Mayor Bower said these campaigns sometimes can be unkind but

Mayor Bower has served the City of Miami Beach for 14 years and she has done some great things for everybody in this City, and they owe her respect and gratitude for what she has done during that time. He specially thanked Commissioner Wolfson for his encouragement and everything he did. He knows what is right and wrong, early on Commissioner Wolfson helped with the campaign and it was right, and he thanked him. Then, of course, his friend Commissioner Tobin, who was with him from the beginning. He thanked the residents of Miami Beach. As you know, he went door to door for many months and got 1,400 petitions signed to put his name on the ballot without paying the fee and he thanked the 1,400 people who signed the petition. He thanked every person involved in his friend-raisers, business owners and homeowners, and all those people that welcomed him into their homes. He knocked on about 6,000 doors. He sent an incredible thanks to the Hispanic community of Miami Beach. He would not be standing up here today, nor would his colleagues, without the incredible support received from the Hispanic community of Miami Beach. His promise to his friends in the Hispanic community is that he will be able to dance salsa and speak Spanish better.

As he thinks his fellow Commissioners will say, this is an incredible and humbling journey. The community shouted and they have to listen to that loud voice, and he promised to follow the clear mandate. People shouted from North Beach to South Beach, to Collins Avenue to the beautiful islands of Miami. They heard it loud and clear, and they are ready to follow their mandate. Along this journey, he listened and learned - when people talk to that many people, you learn. Margaret Ramos, an activist in North Beach, said, "look at this community - we want attention." They have such potential in North Beach. Let us make this a great part of Miami Beach; and he pledged to the residents of North Beach that they would not forget the area. It is a crucial part of the City. Or when he met Rose in North Beach; unfortunately, her bike had been stolen and that was her primary way to get around. She was upset about the bike, but more importantly, she said that they need better transportation because the seniors cannot get around; so without a bike, they need better transportation. He is going to make sure that they have better transportation. His message is that they must learn how to get along. That is an important message learned and they are going to make sure that they show the community that they know how to get along.

Mayor Levine stated that they would make sure that residents have the customer service they deserve as members of this community. A plan going forward -- they know that there are many things to tackle, but here are a few important issues he wants to get started on right away:

#### 1) Flooding

This is a major issue in the City. He would like to create a new standing Flooding Commission Committee, as a subcommittee of this Commission, made up of Commissioners to immediately address the short, medium and long-term solutions for fixing the flooding problems.

## 2) Convention Center

He thinks they agree that the Convention Center must be renovated and he plans to make sure that the Convention Center issue is on the agenda in this January's Commission Meeting. The City needs a Convention Center that fits the City and a process that is 100% transparent.

#### 3) The Police Department

He plans to meet with the City Manager and the Chief of Police. They must authorize an independent outside organization to audit the Police Department and make any and every necessary changes that audit recommends.

#### 4) Customer Service

The City needs to get back to great customer service, such as in the Planning Department.

## 5) Community Boards

He wants to appoint people to the boards that have the capacity and the ability to solve the City's problems, not based on political cronyism. That is most important. Let the right people on these boards. Most importantly, with these boards, they are going to reflect the great diversity of the community of Miami Beach.

### 6) The Senior Centers

If this is a City that can think of spending billions of dollars on a Convention Center, clearly there must be enough funds to help our seniors to provide them with proper meals and making sure they have what they need. They are the greatest treasure in the City, and he plans to lead by example by donating his salary and all of his benefits as Mayor as long as he is here to the Senior Meal Program of the City of Miami Beach.

#### 7) The Commission

This Commission agrees to act professionally, with a sense of absolute decorum that one could be proud of. A Commission everyone can be proud of, and of course, they realize that they need to gain consensus together; and as the Commissioners said, they may not always agree, but they will do their very best to come together and move the City forward by doing that. Most importantly, he wants to make sure they do not limit the public's input into this process. Let the people speak. They need to hear from the public.

8) He pledged to continue door knocking while he is Mayor, so he can continue to listen to the residents. Everybody on this Commission has something great to contribute. It is about bringing out the best in every one of the Commissioners, about bringing the best out from the people that work for the City, and as President Truman said, and he believes it very much "it is amazing how much you can accomplish if you do not mind giving others credit." That is something they are going to strive to do up on the dais. There are many issues they are inheriting over the years.

Mayor Levine pledged, as Mayor, that the buck stops with him. They have a great challenge upon them. There are many things to do. He challenges everyone to strive for excellence and push the boundaries for creative solutions, but most of all, always realize the diversity of the great City is our strength and it is our gift. Let us bring out the best of all the departments of this City. This is a new day in Miami Beach for all of us. However, he cannot achieve these goals alone. He needs everyone to be involved. He needs the residents of Miami Beach to get involved in this process. In the past few days they have been reminded about the enduring power of statesmanship and leadership, which no tragedy can erase about how Americans dream big, execute big, and lead big, and because they did, they have changed the entire world, and so today as they consider the potential that they all have to make Miami Beach the toast of the State and the talk of the nation, they would do well to remember President Kennedy's challenge to all of us. Out of respect and honor to Kennedy's legacy, he took the liberty to utter these words with small changes: "Ask what you can do for Miami Beach residents. Do not ask what the City can do for you. Ask what you can do for the City." Let us move forward together. Thank you all so much for the opportunity to serve you.

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Mayor Philip Levine
Vice-Mayor Deede Weithorn - Absent
Commissioner Michael Grieco
Commissioner Joy Malakoff
Commissioner Micky Steinberg
Commissioner Edward L. Tobin
Commissioner Jonah Wolfson

City Manager Jimmy L. Morales City Attorney Jose Smith City Clerk Rafael E. Granado

#### 1:34:53 p.m.

R7B A Resolution Electing Commissioner Deede Weithorn, Group VI, As Vice-Mayor For A Term Commencing On November 25, 2013 And Terminating On February 28, 2014, Or On Such Date When A New Vice-Mayor Is Thereafter Elected.

(City Clerk's Office)

**ACTION:** Resolution No. 2013-28411 adopted. Motion made by Commissioner Wolfson; seconded by Commissioner Grieco; Voice vote: 6-0; Absent Commissioner Weithorn. Motion carries.

#### 1:35:34 a.m.

R7C A Resolution Adopting Amendments To The Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 General Fund, Enterprise Fund, Internal Service Fund, And Special Revenue Fund Budgets. <u>12:00 p.m.</u> <u>Public Hearing</u> (Budget & Performance Improvement)

**ACTION:** Title read into the record by City Clerk, Rafael E. Granado. **Public Hearing held. Resolution No. 2013-28412 adopted.** Motion made by Commissioner Tobin; seconded by Commissioner Grieco; Voice vote: 6-0; Absent Commissioner Weithorn. Motion carries.

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager, explained that under State Law the budget has to be finalized within 60 days of the end of fiscal year.

John Woodruff, Budget Director, explained the item. The fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, and out of all funds in the City there was one fund over budgeted, and this will amend an existing purchase order that rolled over from the year before. The item is for the Police Confiscation Trust Fund.

#### Handouts and Reference Materials:

1. Ad in The Miami Herald – Ad # 850

## **R9 - New Business and Commission Requests**

R9A Referral To The Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee Meeting - Discuss The City's Design For New Median On South Pointe Drive.

(Requested by Commissioner Edward L. Tobin)

**ACTION:** Item deferred, at the request of Commissioner Tobin.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38:09 p.m.

#### Handout or Reference Materials:

- 1. Copies of Signed Oaths of Office
- 2. List of Invocators and Pledge of Allegiance leaders
- 3. Order of Business
- 4. Email from Deede Weithorn dated November 25, 2013 to Commissioner Jerry Libbin, Jorge Exposito, Michael Góngora and Mayor Matti Herrera Bower
- 5. Sec. 2.04. Induction and meetings.

#### City Clerk's Note:

Original Oaths filed/scanned with Resolution No. 2013-28410

End of Regular Agenda